



Conductor Robert Franz Joins the Roster of Jonathan Wentworth Associates And Celebrates the Launch of his Conductors Guild Workshop



Conductor Robert Franz
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Acclaimed conductor Robert Franz is delighted to join the conducting roster of Jonathan Wentworth Associates, a performance management team with a long tradition of excellence. Franz is "thrilled to be a part of the team" and is looking forward to working with principals Martha Woods and Kenneth Wentworth.

Franz's newest initiative is the launch of his Conductors Guild Workshop with the Windsor Symphony Orchestra in which he will lead an innovative program designed to assist conductors with the development of skills to create and present education programs for students in an orchestral setting. Through this workshop conductors will learn techniques to ensure their orchestra becomes a vital and active partner with its community's education institutions, and offers up and coming conductors the opportunity to develop winning skills needed to secure a position with focus on music education and its value. The program will include participants from across the globe as well as auditors who will observe and join Maestro Franz and the program staff in roundtable discussions.

Highlights for this fall include Franz leading the Windsor Symphony Orchestra with soloist Alain Lefèvre playing the orchestra's new Steinway grand piano in a performance of Andre Mathieu's *Rhapsodie Romantique*. He will also explore Dvorak's *Symphony No. 8* with the Houston Symphony for over 10,000 middle and high school students. Most recently he traveled to Celaya, Mexico to work with the talented young musicians of the Conservatorio de Musica de Celaya. This experience represents a developing relationship between the Windsor Symphony Orchestra and this music conservatory in central Mexico.

Franz, Music Director of the Windsor Symphony Orchestra and Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival also serves as Associate Conductor of the Houston Symphony. He is in increasing demand as a guest conductor whose recent engagements include appearances with The Cleveland Orchestra, the Baltimore, Phoenix and St. Louis Symphonies and the Orchestra da Camera Fiorentina in Italy. His recent achievements include collaborations with the Windsor International Film Festival, the Art Gallery of Windsor, the Canadian Historical Aviation Association and the University of Windsor and St. Clair College and the "Art of Conducting" workshop where he mentors aspiring conductors in Fairbanks.



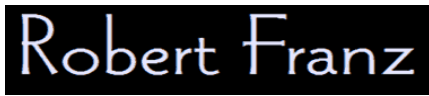
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A dedicated music educator, advocate for arts education, winner of awards for musical excellence and champion of community partnerships, Franz celebrates his 10th anniversary with the Houston Symphony this year and has been honored as the first member of the Houston Symphony conducting staff with the Raphael Fliegel Award for Visionary Leadership.

His expertise in music education was recognized by the Idaho Legislature when he was invited to speak about its importance and he has also addressed the League of American Orchestra conference on the topic of New Music: Opportunities to Broaden Audiences.

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